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TAGS: OVIP, LI (TOLBERT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM R.)

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT: SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING

REF: STATE 235624 TOSEC 270608

1. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD SEPTEMBER 21 FOLLOWED LINES ANTICIPATED, AND WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND U.S. ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA. PRESIDENT THANKED TOLBERT FOR SUPPORT OF GOL AT RECENT NAM WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ISSUES OF KOREA AND PUERTO RICO. PRESIDENT ALSO TOLD TOLBERT THAT THE U.S. WAS ANXIOUS TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

2. U.S. ASSISTANCE TO LIBERIA IS TO CONTINUE AND BE EXPANDED, AND AREAS OUTLINED CLOSELY FOLLOWED THOSE CONTAINED IN PARKER-SIEGEL MEMORANDUM APPROVED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. TOLBERT PRESENTED MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED PROGRAM OF
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TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN GOL AND

USG. IN DESCRIBING NEEDS OF GOL HE UNDERSCORED RURAL INTEGRATED PROGRAMS IN HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND AGRICULTURE DESIGNED TO "REACH OUT" TO THOSE IN GREATEST NEED. TOLBERT ALSO DISCUSSED NUCLEAR PLANTATIONS, IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S INTEREST IN LIBERIA'S EXPORT COMMODITIES.

3. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA TOLBERT RECEIVED AN OVERVIEW OF OUR RECENT INITIATIVES. TOLBERT RESPONDED BY ASKING FOR USG UNDERSTANDING OF ASPIRATIONS OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES IN THAT PART OF AFRICA AND PRAISED USG FOR BOLD STAND AND COURAGE DEMONSTRATED IN CURRENT INITIATIVES. HE STATED THAT U.S. ABSENCE FROM CONTINENT WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE OTHER NATIONS TO EXPLOIT VOID. HE DEPLORED POSSIBILITY OF ANY BIG POWER CONFLICTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE ALSO SAID THAT SOME AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT USG ATTITUDE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA QUESTION, BUT NOW EVEN SOME OF SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES LIKE NIGERIA, GUINEA AND ALGERIA ARE FAVORABLE TO THE CURRENT INITIATIVES.

4. TOLBERT CLOSED BY SAYING HE HAD DECLARED WAR ON IGNORANCE POVERTY AND DISEASE AND THAT HE WANTED TO HELP THE SMALLEST FELLOW IN THE BUSH. THE USG REITERATED ITS SYMPATHETIC RESPONSES AND PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE THE TOLBERT MEMORANDUM.

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